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SUBJ: SOVIET INTEREST IN NON-POLLUTING COPPER SMELTING PROCESSES

1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MET WITH DAVYDOV OF MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY AND GLEBOV OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAY 26 AT SOVIET REQUEST TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR COPPER SMELTING OPERATIONS WHICH ELIMINATE AIR POLLUTION.

2. DAVYDOV EXPLAINED THAT COPPER PRODUCERS IN USSR WERE UNDER SAME PRESSURES AS ANALGOUS FIRMS IN UNITED STATES TO ELIMINATE SERIOUS AIR POLLUTION WHICH RESULTES FROM TRADITIONAL COPPER SMELTING OPERATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO THESE PRESSURES, DAVYDOV SAID SOVIETS HAD MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT NEW TECHNIQUES, AND HE SAID HE ASSUMED THAT UNITED STATES FIRMS HAD DONE THE SAME.

3. ON BASIS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS, DAVYDOV SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONDUCT JOINT SEMINARS IN USSR AND U.S. DURING WHICH EACH SIDE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROBLEMS. HE SUGGESTED THAT FIRST SUCH SEMINAR COULD BE HELD IN USSR, PERHAPS AT COMMERICAL OFFICE, AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 1975. TOUR OF SOVIET COPPER
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SMELTERS WOULD BE ORGANIZED FOLLOWING SEMINAR, AND DAVYDOV

SAID THAT THIS WOULD RULE OUT HOLDING SEMINAR DURING NOVEMBER-MARCH PERIOD DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS. SECOND SEMINAR, WITH EQUIVALENT PLANT VISITS, WOULD BE HELD IN UNITED STATES.

4. DAVYDOV SUGGESTED THAT UNITED STATES BUREAU OF MINES COULD SERVE AS SPONSOR OF THIS PROJECT ON U.S. SIDE SINCE IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR MINISTRY AND STATE COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH BUREAU OF MINES THAN WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES. COMATT AGREED TO REFER THIS PROPOSAL TO WASHINGTON.

5. COMMENT: COMMERCIAL OFFICE BELIEVES THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO U.S. INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTY IN ORGANIZING THIS EVENT ON U.S. SIDE. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE, UNDER BUREAU OF MINES SPONSORSHIP, TO ORGANIZE SEMINAR THEM ROUGHLY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES IN TERMS OF COMPANY COMPOSITION:

- A) MAJOR INTEGRATED COPPER PRODUCERS SUCH AS ANACONDA, KENNECOTT, AMAX, PHELPS-DODGE, ETC.
- B) ENGINEERING COMPANY INVOLVED IN SMELTER DESIGN.
- C) MANUFACTURING COMPANY INVOLVED IN PRODUCTION OF POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS USED ON COPPER SMELTING FACILITIES.
- D) PRODUCER OF INSTRUMENTATION USED IN MEASURING AND CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION AT COPPER SMELTERS.

THIS LINE-UP COMPANIES WOULD APPEAR TO OFFER COMPLETE PACKAGE, GIVING SOVIETS FULL PICTURE OF EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN UNITED STATE, AND WOULD ALSO MAXIMIZE COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS OF THIS EVENT. IN PROCEEDING WITH THIS PROJECT, USDOC/BEWT/TDAD SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT IT IS SEPARATE FROM MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY'S EARLIER SUGGESTION OF COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF COPPER SMELTING PROCESS FOR UDOKAN. STOESEL

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